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AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

In the specification, please replace the paragraph beginning at page 14, line 16 and ending at page 15, line 9, with the following paragraph:

As explained above, the composite material of the invention is advantageously used in structural products, including synthetic lumber. The synthetic lumber may be formed in a batch, semibatch, or continuous fashion. For example, in continuous operation, polymerized (and polymerizing) material leaving the extruder (after optional incorporation of post-extruder fibers, tows, or rovings) is supplied to a forming system, which provides dimensional constraint to the material, and can be used to pattern the surfaces of the resulting synthetic lumber with simulated woodgrain or other designs, in order to make the material more commercially desirable. For example, a conveyor belt system comprising 2, 4, or 6 belts made from a flexible resin having wood grain or other design molded therein can be used. One such suitable system is described in copending U.S. Patent Application Serial No. _____ (~~Attorney Docket No. _____~~) 10/764,013, filed on even date herewith, the entire contents of which are incorporated herein by reference. Desirably, the belts are formed from a self-releasing rubber or elastomeric material so that it will not adhere to the polymer composite. Suitable belt materials include silicone rubber, oil impregnated polyurethane, or synthetic or natural rubbers, if necessary coated with a release agent, such as waxes, silicones, or fluoropolymers.